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BRUSSELS FOR JOHNSON

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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

1. I PRESENTED MY CREDENTIALS TO KING CARL XVI GUSTAF AT 11:30 A.M. MAY 29 IN COLORFUL TRADITIONAL CEREMONY. WAS MET AT RESIDENCE BY ACTING COURT MARSHAL AMBASSADOR GRUNWALD, TAKEN TO GRAND HOTEL WHERE I AND MY SUITE (SENIOR OFFICERS OF EMBASSY) WERE TRANSFERRED TO ROYAL COACHES FOR TRIP TO ROYAL PALACE. WE WERE GREETED MOST CORDIALLY BY COURT OFFICIALS, AND I THEN PRESENTED CREDENTIALS TO KING ALONE. I HAD A PLEASANT CONVERSATION WITH KING, WHO WISHED ME A LONG AND HAPPY TOUR IN SWEDEN.

2. A SMALL GROUP OF DEMONSTRATORS, STATIONED AT GRAND HOTEL, CARRIED BANNERS "USA OUT OF INDOCHINA." ALONG WAY TO PALACE, I NOTED OTHER SMALL GROUPS OF DEMONSTRATORS, SIMILARLY ARMED. WHEN WE LEFT PALACE IN LIMOUSINE
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AFTER PRESENTATION, OTHER DEMONSTRATORS HAD POSITIONED

THEMSELVES NEAR GATE. SINCE WE HAD TO PAUSE FOR A WHILE TO ALLOW ROYAL COACHES WITH SALVADOREAN AMBASSADOR TO PASS US, THE DEMONSTRATORS SOUGHT TO APPROACH OUR VEHICLES. AT THIS POINT POLICE DISPERSED THEM, NOT TOO GENTLY. DEMONSTRATION WAS A SMALLISH AFFAIR. ACCORDING TO RADIO AND TELEVISION, FIVE WERE ARRESTED. MEDIA ARE ALSO NOTING THAT FRIENDLY AND APPLAUDING CROWDS VASTLY OUTNUMBERED DEMONSTRATORS. ESTIMATED TOTAL OF DEMONSTRATORS DURING ENTIRE CEREMONY WAS 100-150.

3. COMMENT: I HAVE NO INTENTION OF COMMENTING PUBLICLY ON DEMONSTRATION. ACCORDING TO OLDTIMERS ON EMBASSY STAFF, THIS WAS A PUNY AFFAIR COMPARED TO PAST. SECURITY WAS MORE THAN ENOUGH AND IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT GOS HAD MADE GREAT EFFORT TO PREVENT OR MINIMIZE ANY UNPLEASANT INCIDENTS WHICH MIGHT MAR THE OFFICIAL OCCASION OF RESTORING AMBASSADORIAL TIES. STRAUZHUPE

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